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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Richmond Pearson has been appointed minister to Persia. —— A general increase of wages of trainmen on the Southern Railway system has been granted. —— Venezuela is withdrawing her consuls in British and German possessions. —— Senators and representatives in Congress are beginning to show anxiety as to the Venezuelan situation. —— President Castro's reply to Germany's ultimatum is a refusal to yield at any point. —— A landing in force by the Anglo-German force is not considered probable. —— Revenue offices seized three large illicit distilleries in Greenville county, S. C. —— The Supreme Court of Georgia has handed down a decision which is regarded by Christian Scientists as a vindication. —— A shooting affray between whites and negroes occurred yesterday in Asheville. —— The House of Representatives yesterday began consideration of appropriation bills. —— The Secretary of the Treasury says he can do nothing to relieve the money stringency in New York. Schooner W. S. Jordan is ashore near Cape May, —— The sub-committee on judiciary of the House began hearing yesterday on anti-trust bills. —— British and German warship have taken positions in the harbor of La Guaira. —— President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay had a conference yesterday concerning Venezuela. —— German cruiser Vineta has captured the Venezuela gunboat Restaurador. —— Mrs. Grant, widow of Gen U. S. Grant is dangerously ill. —— Blizzard weather prevails in New York; the whole State is covered with snow. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call was nominal; no loans to-day; cotton quiet at 8.55c; flour was quieter but very steadily held; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 82½c; corn—spot quiet, No. 2 64c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 37½c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 13.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 60 degrees; 8 P. M., 59 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 58 degrees; mean, 63 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .27; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.86.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—For North Carolina: Fair Sunday, cold in southeast portion; fresh west to north winds; increasing cloudiness Monday, probably rain.

Port Almanac—December 14.

Sun Rises	7.02 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 47 M.
High Water at Southport	6.51 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	9.31 A. M.

That Richmond woman who has just taken her sixth husband must have some taking ways. She doesn't look on marriage as a failure, either.

There is a report current in Georgia that Tom Watson, ex-Populist, is going pack into politics, but as a Democrat this time; probably a Tom Watson Democrat.

The Shah of Persia has reduced the number of his wives from 1,100 to 60. With this reduction in his household expenses he hopes to get along on the $50,000,000 hard cash which he has stowed away.

The denizens of Bob's Bar Field, in Kentucky, near the Tennessee line, are somewhat excited over an oil gusher just "turned in," which turns out 1,000 barrels a day. The land owners see in imagination a gusher on every farm.

According to the school rolls there are in this State 687,599 persons, white and black, of school age. Wake county leads with 19,375; Mecklenburg comes second 18,794; Buncombe third with 14,889; Robeson fourth with 14,501 and Guilford fifth with 13,652.

A German bacteria artist who has been figuring on it says there are at least twelve million bacteria in one cherry and nearly that many in a grape. Now imagine the number of bacteria a healthy boy would have in him after a half hour interview with a cherry tree or a grape vine.

Miss Carnegie, six years old, will be presented by her father as a Christmas gift with a $2,500,000 house in New York. He and his wife will jointly occupy it with her as tenants, and pay her a big rental. While they remain in it they will try to keep on good terms with the landlady.

Senator Pritchard says he wants p. m. Vick bounced because he isn't a Republican. As a matter of fact Vick is probably a better Republican than Pritchard. At least there is no record of his ever having "held his principles in abeyance" to pool issues with the Pops for the spoils of office.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Church notices, 2nd page.

— The A C. L. depot at Faison, N. C., is being overhauled and rebuilt.

— Rev. J. A. Smith will preach at Brooklyn Baptist church to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

— Concord Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. will meet Monday night for the annual election of officers.

— Bradshaw's distillery on Jumping Run has been started again by Deputy Collector C. M. Babbitt.

— Mrs. Henry Bentley has returned from McColl, S. C., to spend Xmas with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Bronson, and to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Laura Bronson, on Dec. 24th.

— There will be no service at the First Baptist church to-day, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. L. J. King, mother of Rev. A. T. King, who had been engaged to conduct the services.

— Mr. W. B. Bowden yesterday learned that his little son, Walter, who is in school at Lumberton, has suffered a painful fracture of the shoulder. The little fellow was doing very well at last accounts.

— Mr. Geo. B. Elliott, who, on Thursday night was elected captain of Company B, Richmond, (Va.,) Light Infantry Blues, was waited upon by a committee Friday and reluctantly declined the honor bestowed upon him for business reasons.

— The entire cargo of 150,000 oranges and 1,500 cocoanuts on the schooner *Mabel Darling* was sold yesterday to Mr. A. S. Winstead, the well known fruit and produce commission merchant on Market street.

— The recital announced as having been given at the studio of Miss Hamme, No. 412 Market street, on Friday evening, was postponed until Tuesday evening of this week, when the same programme will be observed.

— City Clerk and Treasurer King gives notice that after Jan. 1st., he will begin to levy on personal property to satisfy unpaid city taxes. "Pay now and save cost" is the significant conclusion which he gives to an advertisement in another column.

— Rev. Jno. H. Hall, who for the past four years has been the beloved pastor of Fifth street Methodist church, will conduct his farewell service to-day. The latter part of this week he and his family will leave for Rockingham.

— The Red Men of the two tribes of Wilmington who have been appointed a committee to aid the State Bazaar to be given in Raleigh for the benefit of the proposed Red Men's Orphanage, will hold a joint meeting this week to map out a plan of procedure for their work.

— The body of Chas. Muchlethaler, who committed suicide in the jail at Tarboro, has been sent to Alleghany City. This was in compliance with a request received from there. It is said that domestic troubles led to his taking his life. It is understood that he had a wife and child from whom he had separated.

Aldermen Monday Night.

The STAR learns that it is more than probable that a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be called for to-morrow night. Among the matters for consideration before the regular session in January is the granting of the privilege to the D. L. Gore Co. for the extension of a bridge across Water street to its warehouse; the granting of the use of the City Hall to the Elks for their Christmas tree and dinner to the children of Wilmington, and the passing upon the applications for liquor license for the six months beginning January 1st.

Parker, The Live Furniture Man.

The STAR calls attention to the advertisement of Parker, the live Furniture Man, and in connection with the same it is stated that for the benefit of the many wives who can not induce their husbands to shop with them in the day time, that Mr. Parker will keep his store open until 9 P. M. on Monday, Thursday and Saturday nights of this week.

Clearance of Vessels.

The following vessels cleared yesterday: British steamer *Rosewood*, light for Savannah; British schooner *W. S. Fielding*, with cargo of lumber and shingles from the Cape Fear Lumber Co. to Petit Goave, Hayti, and the schooner *Eva A. Danenhower*, with cargo of lumber from the Cape Fear Co. to New York.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Best—In everything.
City Clerk—Tax notice.
Hall & Pearsall—Oranges.
Vollers & Hashagen—Smokers.
G. R. French & Sons—Slippers.
Woodmen of the World—Notice.
W. B. Cooper—Selected oranges.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Wool soles.
Geo. O. Gaylord—For Christmas.
R. C. DeRosset—Christmas presents.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
J. H. Rehder & Co—Christmas presents
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—For Christmas.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Furnished Room—For rent.
John G. Russell—Piano tuning.

Go to Rehder's where you can purchases. All kinds of Christmas Presents. †

Watch for the answer. *

DIED OF APOPLEXY.

Somewhat Tragic Circumstances of Death of Laboring Man on the Streets.

MR. GEORGE W. PICKETT.

Cart Driver Became Suddenly Ill and Persons Thought He Was Intoxicated—Colored Man Came to His Rescue

Mr. George W. Pickett, a member of the street force of the city and driver of one of the carts employed in that department, suffered a stroke of paralysis while about his duties at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and within two hours and a half he died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

The circumstances surrounding the death of the man were somewhat tragic in their nature. He was on Front street with his cart and was seen to suddenly stagger and almost fall. People passing thought the man was under the influence of liquor and offered no assistance. At length a colored man was touched at the pitiable condition of the old man and offered to help him. Coming to his side he found Mr. Pickett speechless and knowing that he was in the employ of the city, took his arm and started with him up Princess street to the City Hall. Some one in the meantime had taken the sick man's cart to the vacant lot east of the old Court House where all the city vehicles were being driven in after the day's work. It was while passing the enclosure that his fellow laborers recognized Mr. Pickett and came to his assistance. The colored man, after putting the sufferer in the hands of his friends, disappeared without giving his name or particulars of finding the man otherwise than related above.

Mr. Pickett was taken to the City Hall, a certificate of admission to the hospital was quickly secured from Dr. C. T. Harper, city superintendent of health, and he was hurried in the patrol wagon to the institution in which he died two hours later. He never regained consciousness and was practically dying from the stroke of apoplexy when he reached the hospital. His entire left side was affected and his power of speech was gone from the first.

Deceased was 57 years of age and boarded with two children, both small, at 917 South Eighth street. His wife died a year or two ago. His brother, Mr. Robert T. Pickett, is foreman of the street force and took charge of the remains at the hospital last night. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from Market Street M. E. church, the services being conducted by Rev. J. W. Potter, the pastor.

Mr. Pickett was a hard-working man of good character and his death will be generally regretted. He had been a faithful member of the street department for several years.

THE METROPOLITAN LIFE.

Well Known Insurance Company Opened Offices Here in Masonic Temple.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, has opened offices in this city in Rooms Nos. 11 and 12 in the Masonic Temple, and Mr. Joseph Jacobs, of Baltimore, a clever and efficient insurance man of wide experience, has been installed as superintendent. The offices have been handsomely furnished, and Messrs. Alex. S. Holden, Jno. H. LeGwin and Chas. T. Smaw have thus far been placed on Mr. Jacobs' staff of agents. Later the company will employ here twelve or fifteen men.

Mr. Jacobs will move his family here this week and will occupy the new residence on Walnut, between Second and Third streets. Mr. Jacobs has been for seven years with the Metropolitan in Baltimore. He and family are cordially welcomed to the city.

Judge Ewing's Arrival.

Judge Wm. J. Ewing, of Chicago, who is in the city to lecture Monday night at 8:30 o'clock in the Academy of Music upon the subject of "Christian Science," will attend the services this morning at 11 o'clock and this evening at 8 o'clock at the First Church of Christ, Scientists, in the Murchison Bank building. To each of these services, as well as the lecture Monday evening, the public is cordially invited.

Christmas Sale Wednesday.

The United Workers of the First Baptist church will conduct a sale of Nick-Nacks and Christmas articles in the lecture room on next Wednesday from 4 to 11 P. M. Refreshments will be served and an informal programme of music and other entertainments given. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Closed Week's Engagement.

The Middleton Stock Company closed its engagement of a week at the Academy of Music last night, presenting "John Martin's Secret," which was well received by a good audience. The company leaves to-morrow morning for a three-night engagement at Florence, S. C.

All kinds of Toys and Holiday Novelties are to be had at Rehder's. †

If you don't know there is a way to find out. Call and keep looking until you see what you want. J. T. Burke, The Jeweller 127 South Front St. †

THE RURAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

County Teachers' Association Arranged Programme for Next Saturday—Vocal Training Continued.

The next regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover County Teachers' Association will be held Saturday, December 20th, in the Cape Fear Academy building, on Third street. The programme for the occasion was announced yesterday, and it embraces a number of interesting features. "History" will be discussed by some competent person yet to be selected, and "How to Teach English Grammar" will be treated by Prof. Catlett. "How to Teach Fractions" will be the subject of an interesting address by Mr. F. M. Foy, of Scott's Hill. "How Should Recitations Be Conducted to Hold the Attention of a Class" will be treated in a paper by Miss Bettie Herring, of Castle Haynes.

The Board of Education has acted favorably upon the suggestion of the Association at its last meeting to retain Prof. D. M. Bain as teacher of vocal music in the rural schools. Prof. Bain was first employed for three months as an experiment. He has given such eminent satisfaction and the innovation has proved so decidedly popular that the Board of Education will continue his employment until the close of the scholastic year.

DIED IN FAR AWAY MISSOURI.

Mr. David Alderman, a Native of This County—Large Family Connection.

News reached the city yesterday of the death in far-away Missouri of Mr. David Alderman, a native of this county, who has many relatives throughout Eastern North Carolina, among them four nephews, Messrs. J. W., William H., George F., and Allison Alderman, of this city. The St. Joseph newspaper, in giving an account of Mr. Alderman's death, which occurred on Dec. 2nd, says:

"David Alderman, an old and well known citizen of St. Joseph, died at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home, No. 408 Angelique street. His death was due to old age and general debility.

"Mr. Alderman had been a resident of St. Joseph for the past 34 years, and conducted a sale and feed stable. He retired from active life two years ago.

"He is survived by his second wife and four children. The children are Charles Alderman, of St. Joseph; Mrs. Mary Highsmith, of Sparta, Mo.; James Alderman and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, both of Dover, Okla.

"Mr. Alderman was 78 years old and was born in New Hanover county, N. C. He was the youngest son of a family of fifteen children. All his brothers and sisters are dead. In 1849 Mr. Alderman removed to Sparta, Mo., where he took up the work of a farmer. He remained on the farm until 1868 when he removed to St. Joseph and entered the sale and feed business, buying and selling horses. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock this morning from the late residence and the interment will be in Register cemetery, where Mr. Alderman's first wife was buried."

AT Y. M. C. A. TUESDAY EVENING.

Mr. S. M. Spedon, Editor of Talent, Will Appear in Star Course.

There is much interest in the appearance Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium of Mr. S. M. Spedon, editor of *Talent*, New York city. The Louisville *Courier-Journal* in a recent issue said:

"The members of the Standard Club were entertained last night by S. M. Spedon, the subject being "Things We Laugh and Wonder At," with character sketches in crayon. His descriptive recitations would provoke laughter in the most sober-minded, and his crayon caricatures of various persons in the audience were very clever. While thus drawing portraits of poets he recited poems written by them, and altogether furnished a most novel entertainment." Tickets can be secured at DeRosset's book store.

About the Cigar Factory Location.

Mr. C. M. Logue, president of the United States Cigar Co., Pittsburg, Pa., who sometime ago wrote to the Chamber of Commerce asking what inducements the city would offer for the location of one of its factories here, has written a second letter in reply to one from the Chamber of Commerce, stating that the company will not take any definite action in regard to the location of any further plants in the South until after the middle of January. At that time President Logue said he hoped to visit Wilmington and make a personal investigation of the conditions regarding labor, etc.

Artistic Calendars.

The new catalogue of the Taber Prang Art Co., of Springfield, Mass., embraces all the latest and most beautiful designs in calendars for the holiday season. It is the largest and most complete they have ever issued. Prices range from 5 cents to $3.00 each, with a large discount to the trade. The name of Prang is indissolubly associated with the very finest color printing, and that of Taber with the very best class of black and white reproductions.

Request to the Ladies.

The ladies who have volunteered to assist with the Elks' Christmas tree and dinner at the City Hall Friday afternoon, Dec. 26th, and all others who will help, are requested to meet their chairman, Mrs. Joseph H. Watters, in the parlors of the Elks' Temple Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of making further arrangements. A large attendance of ladies is especially desired.

Have you seen the BIG question Mark? *

A UNITED MOVEMENT.

Woodmen of the World Will Observe Appropriate Ceremonies This Afternoon.

THE LATE E. B. BURKHIMER.

Deceased Sovereign Will be Honored by Live Oak Camp No. 6—The Address by Robert Ruark, Esq.—Programme.

According to the beautiful custom of the order in erecting and unveiling with appropriate ceremony a monument over the graves of its deceased sovereigns to commemorate their names and good deeds, Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, of this city, will this afternoon dedicate a very handsome marble shaft over the last resting place of the late E. B. Burkhimer, in beautiful Oakdale cemetery.

The public is cordially invited to the exercises which will be of a beautiful and impressive nature, exemplifying the noble principles of the order and spirit of fellowship that prevails among its members. Members of the Camp are officially called to meet at 3 o'clock at the lodge in the cemetery and to march thence to the grave of their deceased sovereign where the unveiling ceremonies will take place. Mr. Joseph H. Hinton will be marshal of the procession and the religious exercises be conducted by Rev. J. W. Potter, pastor of Market Street M. E. church. The address will be delivered by Robert Ruark, Esq.

The musical selections will be by a special quartette composed of Messrs. C. H. Cooper, first tenor; R. C. Banks, second tenor; James S. Williams, first bass, and H. K. Holden, second bass. Mr. E. H. Munson will be the organist.

The lodge ceremonies will be conducted by the regular officers. The programme is as follows:

"After" Sankey.
By Quartette.
Prayer, Rev. J. W. Potter, Chaplain.
Opening Lodge Ceremonies.
Reading of Poem, W. L. Smith.
"Lead Kindly Light," Dudley Buck.
By Quartette.
Unveiling of Monument
Oration, Robert Ruark, Esq.
Nearer To The, Tenney.
By Quartette.
Closing Lodge Ceremonies.
Song, "Nearer My God to Thee."
By The Camp.
Benediction.

All visiting members of the order in Wilmington as well as the public at large are cordially invited by the committee in charge which is composed of Messrs. John E. Wood, J. W. Fleet and W. G. A. Oterson.

LADIES' GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Delightful Match Yesterday Afternoon on Cape Fear Links—The Prizes.

The ladies' six-hole handicap tournament at the Cape Fear Golf Club yesterday afternoon was won by Miss Eleanor Emerson, with a score of 51. Miss Fearey and Miss Mary Calder tied for second place, with scores of 59 each. The other players finished in the following order:

Miss Alice Boatwright.
Mrs. Charles Bidgood.
Mrs. E. C. Holt.
Mrs. Donald MacRae.
Mrs. Hugh MacRae.
Miss Elizabeth Payne.
Miss Lina Wiggins.
Mrs. W. A. Dick.

A large number of spectators followed the players and enjoyed a delightful tea at the club house after the matches.

The first prize in the tournament was a solid silver-handled umbrella, and the second a gold hat pin, both of which were offered by Mr. W. H. Foster, of New York, who has several times been a guest of the club while in the city.

THE CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.

Local Union No. 899 Elected Officers Last Night—The Trustees.

At an enthusiastic meeting last night of Local Union No. 899, Carpenters and Joiners of America, the following officers were elected for the ensuing terms:

President—J. G. Smith.
Vice-President—W. T. Spooner.
Recording Secretary—D. B. Sellers.
Financial Secretary—G. F. Quinn.
Conductor—W. H. Best.
Warden—C. R. Kriner.
Chaplain—C. R. Kriner.
Trustee—G. W. Matthews.

The election of Mr. Matthews to the Board of Trustees is for nine months. The other officers are for a term of six months.

The Manchester Robbery.

Fayetteville *Observer*: "The Atlantic Coast Line detectives have dropped the Manchester robbery case, as well as the local officers—Deputy Sheriff Monaghan and Officer Benton—with the assertion that there is nothing for them in their official capacity to work on. The detectives, who made an investigation after the latter officers, have formed the same conclusions of those officers, confirming their diagnosis of the case in every particular. It now develops that none of the $800 missing belonged to the railroad or the express company."

Mr. A. B. Guyton, Chairman.

Mr. A. B. Guyton, one of the popular Wilmington letter carriers, has been appointed chairman of the Local Civil Service Board, vice Mr. W. G. A. Otersen, resigned. Mr. Guyton is to be congratulated upon the honor.

J. H. Rehder & Co., are offering the greatest values ever offered here before in Dolls. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Moore, of Indiana, is the guest of Miss Gilchrist.

— Mr. A. W. Vick went up to Wilson last night to spend Sunday.

— Mrs. A. R. Hilburn and Miss Fannie Gibson, of Canetuck, N. C., are guests of Mrs. R. P. McClammy.

— Miss Janie Brown, of Raleigh, who has been a guest at the home of Rev. J. N. Cole, returned home yesterday.

— Mrs. N. G. Whitfield and Mrs. G. A. Strickland, of Raleigh, who have been the guests of Mrs. N. F. Parker, returned home yesterday.

— Prof. Jno. G. Russell, the well known piano tuner, has returned to the city for a few days and invites attention to an announcement which he has in another column.

— Mrs. M. H. Jones, who was called to Wilmington on account of the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. John McLaurin returned to her home in Durham yesterday.

— Mr. M. C. Thompson, representing the H. B. Davis Company, manufacturers of white lead, paints, etc., Baltimore, Md., is in the city on business connected with the establishment of an agency in Wilmington.

— Mrs. W. D. Pritchard, wife of Dr. W. D. Pritchard, of New York, is visiting in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. F. Simmons, on South Front street. She is accompanied by her little daughter, Miss Virginia Pritchard.

SCHOOL PROPERTY SOLD.

Sales That Appear From Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday.

The following property transfers appear from deeds filed for record yesterday at the Court House:

Jno. W. Batson to Luther Wheeler, lot on West side of Eighth, between Harnett and Swann streets, 66x165 feet in size; consideration $450.

Martha Meeks to James McKenzie, house and lot on West side of Seventh street, between Queen and Wooster, 35x66 feet in size; consideration $5 and the love and affection for a son.

School Committees Nos. 1 and 2, Wilmington township, and the County Board of Education to Oscar Pearsall, lot at northeast intersection of Third and Market streets, 38 feet on Market and 100 feet on Third street; consideration $2,800.

Almira VanSolen, of Savanaah, Ga. to Thos. H. Wright, house and lot on South side of Bladen street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, 55x66 feet in size; consideration $450.

Wants to Begin Anew.

Oscar Johnson, who has travelled the "world o'er," has returned to Wilmington and says he will be here for the remainder of his days. Not a great many years ago he served his time as a machinist in the Coast Line shops and was making good wages and saving his money; he was stricken with paralysis, his entire left side being rendered useless to him. Then he became despondent and went on the road. Now he has returned and wants employment of some kind that will suit his feebled condition. He is given lodging at the City Hall but wants an opportunity to earn an honest living. He is not a dissipated man and his affliction is his only bar to an active and useful life. Sergeant Ward and a number of policemen yesterday made up a purse, gave him a number of articles of clothing and now they want to give the man an opportunity to carry out his good resolution. If anyone has a position, the duties of which the unfortunate man can perform, they would be glad to hear at the police station.

TOBACCO GROWING AROUND CURRIE.

Experienced Man From Granville County Interesting Farmers—Notes.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

CURRIE, N. C., Dec. 12.—Mr. W. R. Walker made this year four bales of cotton on 3½ acres of land. Mr. Walker is one of our largest truck farmers, and believes in making a plenty of hog and hominy in addition to his truck. He will also plant some tobacco next year.

Mr. William Booth, a gentleman from Granville county, who understands cultivating and curing tobacco, expects to locate in this vicinity next year. He is going around this week to see the farmers to find out how many of them will plant tobacco.

Receiving and opening goods daily. J. T. Burke, The Jeweller. †

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by J. C. Shepard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS.—The Special Convocation and the election of Officers will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.
W. A. MARTIN,
dec 13 1t Secretary.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

You are hereby notified to meet at Lodge, in Oakdale cemetery, this (Sunday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock sharp to assist in unveiling monument erected in memory of our deceased sovereign, E. B. Burkhimer. Visiting Woodmen are invited to meet with us. The public generally are invited to attend the unveiling.
JNO. W. STOMMFELTZ,
Con. Commander.
GEO. C. JACKSON, Clerk.
dec 13 1t

TAX NOTICE.

After January 1st will begin to levy on Personal Property to satisfy unpaid City Taxes. Pay now and save costs.
B. F. KING,
dec 14 3t, su tu sa Tax Collector.

Rehder's Rehder's

STORE CLOSED DAILY AT 9 P. M., EXCEPT SATURDAY AND CHRISTMAS EVE.

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Everything New This Season.
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Xmas Gifts
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dec 14 tf

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For Crochet Slippers.
MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY EILLED.
Solomon's Shoe Store.
dec 14 tf

For Christmas!
What better Christmas present for a boy or girl than a deposit in The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. "As the twig's inclined, so grows the tree." The boy who begins a savings bank account when young can accumulate a snug capital with which to begin business by the time he is a man.
Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from that date.
The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.
J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
dec 14 tf C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

DO YOU KNOW?
One Price Marked in Plain Figures.
If you give a woman a dress, cloak or any article of wearing apparel as a Xmas or anniversary gift she may not tell you so, but she will "sniff up her nose," and say to herself, "I had rather bought this myself—it is not a gift any way because I would have got it all the same"—give the same woman a Parlor Suite, Sideboard, Hat Rack, China Case, Rocker, or anything of a like kind to adorn and beautify the home, (women's heaven and man's comfort,) and for at least a week the days would glide softly by and life would be worth the living. Try it at a cost of from $1.00 to 150.00 and satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.
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RENOWN
OR
TOPICAL TWIST,
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TOPICAL TWIST
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250 Bales of this celebrated Sheeting; also, 25 bales of this Sheeting in short lengths at greatly reduced prices.
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dec 13 tf Wilmington, N. C.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING. DECEMBE 14.

AN HONEST REFORMER.

Governor Cummings, of Iowa, was one of the leaders among the Republicans of that State for tariff revision. He was honest and talks now as plainly and as emphatically as he did before the election. He has made several speeches since the election, the last of which was at the National Reciprocity Convention which was held last week in Detroit. Speaking of reciprocity and the tariff he said:

"It seems to me that a prerequisite to any material reciprocal tariff is a willingness to adjust our exclusive tariff to the conditions of the times. Reciprocity will never win its way until we shall be willing to treat the tariff rationally instead of hysterically, and the first step in the process is to be willing to make such changes as from time to time may be necessary to bring tariff schedules into harmony with the principle which vindicates their existence.

"I believe some changes are demanded now without respect to a modication of duties levied by any other country upon our experts. Tariff schedules, like all other laws are to be made, unmade, and remade, according to the public needs, and we are on holy ground and that the sacred vestments of the priests are not to be touched by profane hands.

"There are duties, notably in the iron and steel schedule, although not confined to it, which are absolutely indefensible, which no one will ever attempt to defend and which are as much at war with the the real object of protection as free trade itself.

"It is a slander from the fundamental truths of the world to say that the prosperity of the people has ever been or can ever be impaired by doing what is right and just and fair. What evidence is there to sustain the assertion that a correction of the grossly excessive duties would hasten the day of extreme commercial activity to a close? None whatever, save the cries of those who want to be let alone, but who ought not to be let alone, repeated by a coterie of statesmen who have become imbued with the calm philosophy of the citizen of Arkansas who refused to mend his roof in dry weather because it was unnecessary, and did not mend it when it rained, because it was impossible.

"Whenever the people take up the subject Congress will take it up also, and whenever the people pass upon it Congress will register the decree. Localized interests may prevail when the people are quiescent, but they cannot ride the storm of public agitation and angger."

While Governor Cummings is a protectionist, he does not believe in exorbitsnt tariff duties to protect industries which have grown to be strong enough to protect themselves and he is not disposed to be driven from his position by the scare crow cry that if the tariff be touched it will bring business chaos and ruin, the fake pretence of those who like Hon. Mark Hanna want to "stand pat" and "let well enough alone." Governor Cummings doesn't insist on tearing up things but he does insist that in schedules where the tariff duties are unnecessarily and unreasonably high they should be lowered and he cites as an illustration the iron and the steel schedules on which there is a forty per cent duty which is totally unnecesary as a measure of protection because our steel makers are exporting hundreds of tons of steel and pig iron from Europe. As immense as their capacity is they cannot keep up with their orders. Couldn't the steel makers stand a reduction of the tariff on these if not total repeal, without being ruined or seriously damaged? An industry which pays its operators a clear profit of $140,000,000 a year could certainly stand a reduction on its forty per cent. tariff. If there be any doubt on this point we have the declaration of Charles Schwab, president of the United States Steel Trust, who said, when on the stand as a witness in a New Jersey court, that if the tariff duties on steel were repealed his company would not be seriously damaged.

There are tariff duties on agricultural machinery, for which there is no need nor the shadow of an excuse, for this country is an exporter, not an importer of agricultural machinery. We export a great deal, and import none. This machinery goes to nearly every country in the world, because there is none to compare with it. The tariff on it is simply a bonus to our manufacturers, a bonus which the American farmers pay on every piece of machinery they use. This is not only an imposition on, but a discrimination against the American farmer, the grain grower, the cotton grower and the sugar cane grower, because the grain growers and cotton-growers, of Southern Siberia, the cotton-growers of the Northern and Southern Africa, the sugar-growers of the West Indies and South America can all buy American machinery at from twenty-five to forty per cent. less than our farmers can. And yet the Siberian farmer, the African farmer, the West Indian and the South American farmer are all now to some extent the competitors of the American farmer and will become stronger competitors in the future. They are aided in this competition by the machinery sent them from this country, which they purchase at a lower price than our farmers can purchase it, and thus the tariff discriminates against our farmers in favor of foreign farmers and against our industries in favor of the foreign industries, to put money in the coffers of the manufacturers of this machinery, when they have no competition whatever and consequently can't plead for tariff protection, which they do not need.

There is a tariff on coal. There is no need of that as a measure of protection, for no country in the world can mine coal and deliver it to us for less than our mine operators can if they be satisfied with a reasonable profit, so that the only effect of the tariff duties is to keep foreign coal out and enable our mine owners to charge their own prices.

There is a duty on hides and leather for the benefit of the Beef Trust and the big tanneries. There is no need of it as a protective measure because this country does not produce all the hides it needs and must import a large amount. The only effect of the tariff is to enable the Beef Trust to tax the tanners and the tanners to tax the shoe makers and make dearer shoes for the people and handicap the American shoe maker in competing with foreign shoe makers when he enters foreign markets.

Governor Cummings is honest and right when he contends that the tariff can stand revision and that it ought to be done now.

DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE FARMERS.

Russia is an agricultural country. The Government desires to make it also a manufacturing country, and with that view has adopted the policy of fostering manufacturing industries with a protective tariff and export bounties, but in doing that entirely ignores the agricultural industry, packs the burden on the farmer and gags him to keep him from protesting. Commenting upon this, the New York *Tribune* says:

The spectacle is now seen in Russia of a government apparently discriminating between two classes of industrialists in favor of the less and against the greater. This was strikingly set forth in a single dispatch from St. Petersburg the other day. It was stated first that Mr. von Plehwe, Minister of the Interior, had given the artisans of St. Petersburg permission to hold meetings for the airing of their grievances and discussion of means of bettering their condition and had even promised them his support in such movements. Then in the next paragraph we were told that Prince Dolgoroukoff, president of the Soudja District, has been deposed and put under police surveillance as a suspicious character because he had permitted the farmers in his district to hold such meetings and adopt various resolutions looking to a betterment of their condition. Evidently in Russia what is sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander. Workingmen in the great cities may do with impunity and with government sanction things which farmers in the country must not do under penalty of the knout and Siberia.

Yet the farmers have the greater cause for agitation, for the policy of the government in finance bears far more hardly upon them than upon them than upon the urban artisans. That was the gravamen of the resolutions adopted at Soudja and elsewhere, for permitting which Prince Dolgoroukoff has been degraded and punished. The local agricultural commissions declared that the government seemed to be encouraging manufacturing industries at the expense of agriculture, and to be increasing to a crushing degree the burden of indirect taxation upon the agricultural classes. It was pointed out that in the last twenty years indirect taxation has been increased by 100 per cent., or by 64 per cent. per capita of the population; and this is so arranged that it falls chiefly upon the farmers. The indirect taxes are not, as some have supposed, levied upon articles of luxury, and thus upon the purses of rich nobles. They are levied upon the barest necessaries of life, such as even the humblest moujiks must have. It is against such a state of affairs that the agricultural committees have protested. But their protests are regarded as treason, and the Governor who tolerates them is removed from his post and treated as a criminal.

The *Tribune* is a Republican paper, which believes in and supports the Republican protective policy which levies tribute on the American farmer just as the Russian protective policy levies tribute upon and oppresses the Russian farmer. It is true that the American farmer is not gagged and denied, under fear of punishment, the right to protest against discrimination and demand relief, but with that exception he is precisely in the same position that the Russian farmer is, he is made a tribute payer for the benefit of industries, which do not compare in importance to his nor contribute anything like his does to building up the country, promoting its prosperity and adding to its wealth. One-fourth of the national wealth of this country is invested in farms and agriculture, and one-half the population live by that industry, and yet this great industry is considered a legitimate subject for plunder to build up other industries which could thrive without this plunder.

Whatever the general sentiment may be as to that St. Louis preacher's contention that a woman has as much right to propose marriage as a man has, there are a good many women of that way of thinking. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Kansas are both bachelors. The Governor has received over 1,000 letters from women in different parts of the country who say they would be willing to marry him and take charge of that new Governor's mansion, and the Lieutenant Governor has received over 500 from women who say they would be willing to take chances on him.

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WILL HAVE TO PULL IN THEIR HORNS.

In commenting upon the Venezuela trouble we remarked that when force is resorted to in such cases there is always danger of one or both of the parties going too far and dragging others in. It seems now that the British and German naval representatives have already gone further than was at first contemplated in the seizure of those Venezuelan war vessels. The English commanders place the responsibility for the destruction of reported sunk vessels on the German commanders, which shows that while apparently working together they are not in full accord. But it is denied by German authority that any of these vessels were destroyed and only one injured. All the better of that is so. The fact, however, that the English officers disclaimed responsibility for that act shows that they did not approve of it, and that the first plan of action has been broken.

But there are other nations interested in the playing of this game. Frenchmen, it is said, have claims that amount to more than the combined claims of British and German subjects. But France settled the business for them without trouble and arranged for the payment of their claims by installments out of the customs, a part of which was to be set aside for that purpose. Of course France will object to that arrangement being interfered with by Great Britain and Germany, and they will have to pay some regard to what France says on that matter, or find their claim-collecting business a somewhat expensive one.

And then if they resort to a peaceful blockade, and the Venezuelan Government insists, as it says it will, upon collecting the duties which the two claim collectors have collected, there will be a hitch with the nations whose exports to Venezuela will be thus hampered and subjected to a double tax.

It is a very easy thing to get badly mixed up in business like this when there are other interests involved. Some of these are already beginning to appear as possible complications, with the result that Great Britain and Germany, which went in with such a grand flourish, may find it advisable to change tactics and pull in their horns.

The Becker family of St. Louis has gone wild celebrating the birth of a girl baby, the first girl that has put in an appearance in that family in 140 years. It would take the census man a long time to enroll all the Becker boys but the poor fellow never had any sister until this little one arrived.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Honduras, which has 59,000 voters, recently held an election at which she cast 89,000 votes. And she did it without the assistance of Senator Quay, too. —*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

—— Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, continues to labor over his scheme to reduce Southern representation in Congress, but Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who is a little nettled over his failure to land the speakership, and who, as a member of the Committee on Rules, is very powerful in shaping legislation, is dead bent on side-tracking Mr. Crumpacker and his scheme. Good enough.—*Richmond Times, Dem.*

—— Louisana has practically disfranchised the negroes, and in the recent elections for Congressmen the entire aggregate vote of all colors was only 27,000. Having made it impossible for the blacks to vote, the whites of Louisiana did not care to take the trouble to vote themselves, The *Picayune* is complaining of the self-disfranchisement of the whites by failure to register or pay poll tax as "something that portends the very worst consequences to the State."—*Louisville Courier, Journal Dem.*

—— The monopolists pretend that the high prices of meat are due to the scarcity of meat; but, a further insight into their doings is supplied by the Kansas City news item stating that 500,000 pounds of turkey, comprising the most of the supply of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, have been gobbled up by them for the Christmas trade. Plenty of capital and cold storage room enable them to hold the same for a further rise in prices. They represent in fact the turkey gobbler. And the public? O, "the public be d——d!" of course.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

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THE TARES.

GORDON NOEL HURTEL.

I know the Angel Reapers some day
must garner where
This mortal has been sowing for Glory
or despair;
And when the harvest's ready the
Householder will call,
Before the Reaper's sickles the ripened
grain must fall.
And I—I must be waiting with stewardship complete
Within my field allotted for golden
sheaves of wheat.

The seed I've sown in duty to Him
who giveth life.
The seed I've sown in sorrow, in struggles and in strife,
The seed that Love was sowing upon a
Summer day,
The seed of disappointment that I have
cast away,
And those I have sown in pleasure
when Joy was on the wing,
Are for the Reaper's growing and must
their harvest bring.

I fear, alas, the harvest will find my
sheaves too few,
And passed the time forever to sow the
seed anew.
Oh, listen, Angel Reapers, before I
hear you call:
The Enemy has stolen within my
Garden wall—
The Garden I have tended that was
my all, my own!
The tares, my God, are growing too
thickly where I've sown.
—*Atlanta Constitution.*

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Dr. Geo. C. Worth will speak at the Y. M. C. A. to-day at 5 o'clock. All men are cordially invited.

Rev. C. B. Paul will return from toe convention in time to supply the pulpit of Southside Baptist church at the usual hours to-day.

Services at Seamen's Bethel this afternoon commencing promptly at 3 o clock and continuing three quarters of an hour. Rev. Mr. Hogue will conduct the services. The public invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, C. W. Kegley pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. Services at 7:30 P. M. Every person welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor. German services to-day at 11 A. M.; English services at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Everybody cordially invited.

St. James church, Third Sunday in Advent. Holy communion 7:45 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M.; evening prayer, 5 P. M.; Sunday school, 3.30 P. M. Service at Chapel of Good Shepherd, 7:30 P. M.

First Church of Christ, Scientists, Murchison Bank building, on Chesnut street. Services to-day at 11 o'clock A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon "Sacrament." All are invited.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Ask what ye will; but in your asking do not forget to ask for a liberal soul.

— Faith draws the poison from every grief and takes the sting from every loss

— It is the struggle, and not the attainment, that measures character and foreshadows destiny.—*Dr. Munger.*

— "Good temper, like a sunny day, sheds a brightness over everything. It is the the sweetener of toil and the soother of disquietude."

— If the congregatian, of which your are a member, were divided, the drones being placed on one side of the line and workers on the other, where do you think the Lord would place you?

— Blessed is the man who has the gift of making many friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, and above all the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man.—*Thomas Hughes.*

— "Love is appreciated, not so much by what it does as by what it longs and tries to do. 'For love is of God, and he that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.' Love transfers the base charcoal of human nature into the diamond which reflects the radiance of duty."

— There is no genius like the genius for work. The men who are succeeding are men with the talent for toil. This is true in the world's work. This is true in God's work. Attention and work, these are the conditions for prosperity and pleasant years. Would we have prosperity and pleasantness as the years come and go? Let us attend unto God, let us serve Him in sincerity and truth.—*Rev. Daniel H. Overton.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "Do you believe that egotism and genius go together?" "Not always. There would be a lot more genius if they did."—*Chicago Record Herald.*

— At an inquest on a case of suicide recently held in England the foreman returned this remarkable verdict: "The jury are all of one mind—temporarily insane."—*Law Notes.*

— Student, reading "Virgil"—"Three times I strove to cast my arms around her neck"—that's as far as I got, professor. Professor—Well, sir, that's quite far enough.—*Yale Record.*

— "Don't you think that young Hunker wants to marry Miss Dollyers for her money?" asked Hojack. "I think so," replied Tomdik. "I heard him say that he loved her for all she's worth."—*Judge.*

— The Householder—Here, my good man, is a dime. Now please go away. The Musician—Ach! But for den cends ve only blay. Id is a kervareer to go avay. Vat?—*Chicago News.*

— "I have noticed," said the Hardened Cynic, "that about the time a man's children get to be almost half as bad as he was when he was a boy he begins to howl about the world's growing worse."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— One of the worst things about falling into a hole is the number of people who gather on the bank to point out the routes you could have taken to avoid falling in.—*Atchison, Kan. Globe.*

"I was thinking of having the ushers offer my picture for sale at any one dollar each," said the conceited actor. "Why not sell them at their face value?" suggested Mr. Caltilck. "Make it 30 cents."—*Phila. Press.*

— "How do you suppose Methuseleh managed to reach such a great age?" "Why, everything was in his favor. There were no automobiles, no trolley cars or operations for appendicitis, or health foods in those days."—*Kansas City Journal.*

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Men and women of taste and judgment go into ecstacies over the wonderful patterns, textures and colors which are "the fruit of the loom." But there is one fruit of the loom they rarely consider, and that is the frail and faded woman, old before her time, because necessity compels her to work under conditions, which send her more favored sister to bed and the doctor's care.

The diseases which weaken and torment women, may in almost all cases be cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

"I had female trouble for eight years," writes Mrs. L. J. Dennis, of 828 East College Street, Jacksonville, Ills. "Words cannot express what I suffered. *I sought relief among the medical profession and found none.* Friends urged me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. When I commenced taking this medicine I weighed ninety-five pounds. Now I weigh one hundred and fifty-six pounds—more than I ever weighed before. I was so bad I would lie from day to day and long for death to come and relieve my suffering. I had internal inflammation, a disagreeable drain, brearing-down pain, and such distress every month, but now I never have a pain—do all my own work and am a strong and healthy woman."

"Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used with "Favorite Prescription" whenever a laxative is required.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Newton *Enterprise*: A Mr. Brinkley killed a partridge one day last week and found in its craw 117 wheat flies.

—Oxford *Ledger*: A new corporation has recently been organized in Oxford of which will conduct and operate a general cannery for tomatoes and other vegetables. We learn that they have already the promise of orders sufficient to give them a good start. The capital stock to begin with is $31,000.

— Littleton *Reporter*: Mr. H. H. Crowder is reported to have committed suicide near his home at Ridgeway a few days ago by drowning in a mill pond. It will be remembered that he made an unsuccessful attempt to take his life while living here some months ago. —— Jimmie Knight of near Terrapin, was instantly killed by a runaway horse Saturday evening, November 29th. He and a brother were out driving when the horse became frightened and ran, the bit broke and put them at the mercy of the horse. Both jumped, with the result that Jimmie's neck was broken.

— Sanford *Express*: The farmers say small grain is looking well. There is hardly as much sown in this section as there was last year. —— The Sanford Cotton Mill is now operated day and night, yet they cannot fill their orders. They recently received an order for one thousand bales of sheeting. —— This has been a good year with the farmers of this section. They have made pretty good crops and sold them at fair prices. The most of them have made enough corn for their own use for another year and will make their own meat. We have heard no complaint. Everybody seems to be happy and contented.

— Winston *Republican*: Neal & Gorrell, of this city, have purchased the tobacco warehouse at Mullins, S. C., which they have been running for some time. Mullins is a growing tobacco market and will handle 8,000,000 pounds of the leaf this year. —— Mr. P. H. Canton, living in Clemmonsville Township, this county, raised a squash vine this season which produced 335 good and ripe squashes. Our informant says that the vine, when at its best, was a curiosity to see. ——Mr. H. A. Lewis, living near Spot, this county, has been enjoying ripe and palatable watermelons which were pulled from the vine December 3d. This is truly a wonderful country and climate in which to live, while this year it has been exceptionally so upon things green and growing.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 14.

STEAMSHIPS.

Europa, (Nor) 652 tons, Olsen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Harbart, (Br) 2,149 tons, Bowling, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Hermiston, (Br) 2,839 tons, Bain, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.
Lillie, (Br) 311 tons, Davis, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Lottie R Russell, 363 tons, Sharp, J T Riley & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C C. Railroad—119 bales cotton, 22 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—242 bales cotton, 8 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—839 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 23 barrels rosin, 79 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—410 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 43 barrels rosin, 11 barrels tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—242 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 55 barrels tar, 16 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Compton—21 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—4 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 175 barrels rosin, 107 barrels tar.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—3 casks spirits turpentine, 75 barrels rosin.

Steamer J. D. Pigott—3 casks spirits turpentine, 20 barrels of rosin.

Total—1,867 bales cotton, 32 casks spirits turpentine, 336 barrels rosin, 282 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

— "I wish said Senator Sorghum, pehsively, "that you would refrain from circulating these reports that I am willing to pay for votes." "Do you deny the charge?" "That has nothing to do with the case. I don't want everybody who might be willing to vote my way free to feel that he is wasting money."—*Washington Star.*

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Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 13.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 51c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for strained and $1.35 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar firm at $1.20; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	32
Rosin	336
Tar	282
Crude turpentine	32

Receipts same day last year—52 casks spirits turpentine, 226 barrels rosin, 379 barrels tar, 68 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7¾c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5½	cts. ₩ lb
Good ordinary	6¾	" "
Low middling	7½	" "
Middling	7⅞	" "
Good middling	8 11-16	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—1,867 bales; same day last year, 2,073.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Money on call was nominal; no loans to-day; time money firm, loans under special arrangements, 60 and 90 days; six months 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487 for demand and 483 30@483.35 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484½ and 488. Commercial bills 482¾@483¼. Bar silver 48. Mexican dollars 37¼. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 107¾; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 108¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109¾; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 118¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 94¼, Chesapeake & Ohio 44¼; Manhattan L 143⅞; New York Central 150; Reading 56¾; do. 1st preferred 84¼; do. 2nd preferred 73½; St. Paul 168⅝; do. pref'd, 189; Southern Railway 29¼; do. pref'd 91; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 55; People's Gas 99¾; Sugar 119½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 53¾; U. S. Leather 11½; do. pref'd, 88¾; Western Union 87¾; U. S. Steel 30¼; do. pref'd 81; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 57; do. preferred, 120; Standard Oil, 660@669.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 24¼@24½; do. preferred, 42 asked; bonds, fours, 82¾@83c

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 13.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 13 —Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 51c; receipts 614 casks; sales 565 casks; exports 364 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 4,846 barrels; sales 2,171 barrels; exports 640 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45, E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $1 95; I, $2 20; K $2 60; M, $3 05; N, $3 55; W G, $3 85; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The cotton market was quiet and unchanged to three points lower and then became steadier on covering in view of light receipts. Following the first call the market soon rallied two to four points, chiefly on covering, the bears finding very little cotton for sale, with receipts little more than half what they were a year ago to-day. A leading feature in the movement of cotton was the small estimate for Monday's receipts at Houston; this being 8,000 to 9,000 bales, against 16,059 last year. Current estimates pointed to port receipts of only 240,000 bales, which would make the "in sight" movement next Friday very small. Savannah receipts were but 5,947 bales, on which estimates for the day's receipts were reduced to about 30,000 bales. The weather in much of the cotton belt was poor and not only checked the movement, but interfered with outside orders. Selling was further checked by an impression that a certain important interest, if not more than one, stood heavily short of March and May contracts, and this led to the expectation of a covering movement on a large scale. Local sentiment having been bearish most of the week led to the accumulation of a considerable short interest for room accounts. Prices took a higher level soon after the opening call. The volume of business was small throughout the list.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Cotton quiet at 8.55c; net receipts 396 bales; gross receipts 4,236 bales; stock 130,524 bales.

Spot cotton—Market closed quiet; middling uplands 8.55; middling gulf 8 80c; sales 52 bales.

Futures closed barely steady, with prices 2@4 points lower, except September, which was nominally 12 points up: December 8.29, January 8.30, Feb'y 8.30, March 8.33, April 8.35, May 8.37, June 8.36, July 8.39, August 8.13, September 7.83.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 45,691 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,460 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 7,300 bales: stock 1,039,335 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 45,691 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,460 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 72,000 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,205,299 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,394,729 bales; exports to France 308,813 bales; exports to the Continent 1,354,830 bales

Dec. 13.—Galveston, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 7,889 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8 3-16, net receipts 4,534 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.55, net receipts 1,151 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7¾c, net receipts 1,867 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8.80c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 5,497 bales; New Orleans, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 8,944 bales; Mobile, steady at 8c, net receipts 1,153 bales; Memphis, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 2,011 bales; Augusta, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 1,550 bales; Charleston, firm at 7¾c, net receipts 1,360 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Flour was firm. Wheat—Spot firm; No 2 83¾. Options—May closed 81⅝c July closed 78⅞c; December closed 83¼c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 64c Options closed ⅛c lower to ¼c higher: January closed —c; May closed 49c; December closed 62¼c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2. 37¼c. Lard firm; refined steady. Pork steady. Butter steady; extra creamery 30c; State dairy 20@28c. Cheese steady; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13½, late make 13; small white September 13¼; late make 13. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾; other domestic 3@4¼c. Cabbages steady; domestic, per 100, white $1 50@3 00; red $1 50@3 60. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 29c Potatoes—Market quoted steady; Long Island $2 00@3 30; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 00; Jerseys $1 75@2 05; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 00. Sugar—Raw firm; refined firm. Cotton seed oil firm. Closing prices: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37@38; off summer yellow 36@37c; prime white 40@41c; prime winter yellow 41@42c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Bullish foreign news caused firmness in wheat to-day, although the close was at about steady prices, with May ½c higher. May corn was ¼@⅜c lower and oats off ¼c. January provisions closed unchanged to 2½c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 —Cash prices: Flour quiet, steady: winter patents $3 40 @3 50; straights $3 10@3 40; spring patents $3 40@3 70; straights $3 90@3 90; bakers' $2 25@3 75. Wheat—No 2 spring 75¼@76c; No. 3 spring 69@73c; No. 2 red 75@75½c. Corn—No 2 57¼c; No. 2 yellow 56¼c. Oats—No 2 31¾c; No. 2 white —c; No. 3 white 32@35c. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted at $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 17½@10 20. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 70 @8 75 Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed. $8 75@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 75@75¼, 75¼, 75c; May 77⅜@77¼, 77¾, 77¾, 77⅜@77¼c; July 74⅜@74½, 74¼ 74½, 74⅛@74¼c. Corn—No. 2 December 57¼, 58⅛, 55⅜, 56¼c; January 48¾, 49, 47⅜, 48¼c; May 44⅛@44¼, 44¾, 44¼, 43¾@43¾c. Oats—No 2 December, new, 31½, 31⅜, 31¾, 31¾@31⅜c; May 33¼, 33⅜, 33⅛, 33¾. Mess pork, per bbl—December $16 70, 16 77½, 16 60, 16 60½; May $15 52½, 15 62½, 15 50, 15 52½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 22½, 10 27½, 10 22½, 10 23½; January $9 73½, 9 80, 9 70, 9 70; May $9 10, 9 15, 9 10, 9 15. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 37½, 8 40, 8 35, 8 35; May $8 30, 8 32½, 8 27½, 8 30.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.—Cotton: Spot, quiet; prices two points lower; American middling fair 5.14d; good middling 4.66d; middling 4.52d; low middling 4.40d; good ordinary 4.28d; ordinary 4.16d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,300 bales American. Receipts 29,000 bales, all American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet; American middling (g o c) December 4.48d; December and January 4.46d; January and February 4.45@4.46d; February and March 4.45@4.46d; March and April 4.45@4.46d; April and May 4.45d; May and June 4.46@4.47d; June and July 4.46@4.46d; July and August 4.46@4.47d.

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British schooner W S Fielding, McDonald, Petit Goaer, Hayti, J T Riley & Co.

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H. M. EMERSON,
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H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.
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Statement of Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business November 25th, 1902, condensed from report to Corporation Commission (Began business September, 1902.)

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$106,723 67		
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00		
Cash on hand, Due from Banks	3,019 68		
	$110,143 35		

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Accrued interest due to depositors	475 00
Deposits	55,000 51
	$110,143 35

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FRANK H. STEDMAN, Sheriff, New Hanover County.

NAME.	Block	LOT,	Tax and Cost.
WHITE			
A			
Abbott, Elizabeth T.	92	w 1 2 3	7 94
Ahrens, Mrs. C. M. B.	306	w ½ 1	
do do	325	w ½ 1 5	
do do	340	all 1 2	41 54
COLORED			
Allen, Andrew J.	541	s e 6	
do do	541	n w ½ 1	4 53
Anderson, H. J.	540	pt 6	4 62
Artis, W. T.	336	w p 2	2 34
B			
Baggett, J. F.	88	s w 3	
Bailey, E. P.	138	w 5 6	6 28
Bell, Mrs M. M.	100	w 5	56 91
Bender, C. E.	92	e 4, 5, 6	18 53
Best, R. W.	307	e 4	9 60
Biddle, hrs Julia A.	78	w p 1 2 3	10 43
Bierman, H. J.	220	w 2 3	5 66
Bishop, Mrs. Jasper.	196	w ½ 3	17 07
Blake, A. E.	64	e 4 5	19 92
Bowden, hrs SC.	181	w end 5	19 98
Brown, John	540	pt 4	17 49
do Mrs T C	324	e m 4 5	4 45
do do	340	w pt 1	
Bryan, Nancy M.	38	s w ¼ 4	8 97
Butler, Mrs H W	156	w end 5	2 24
Boatwright, Annie T.	139	w 1	4 81
do Victor T	139	p end 2	28 38
Bollos, Miss H P.	147	w m 6 6 ¼	11 26
COLORED			34 50
Barfield, General	327	pt 2 3	1 72
Berry, Richard	341	1 2 int e 4 w 5	9 19
Bennett, hrs John	309	e 5	3 79
Bernard, hrs Harry	118	e ¼ 3	3 79
Bishop, hrs Mary E.	213	s w ¼ 1	3 79
Blackwell, Martha J.	338	w end 5	3 38
Blackwood, hrs Susan	338	e end 3	2 96
Blocker, hrs Betsey	46	e p 3 4 5	5 87
Bowden, Alex	119	s e ¼ 3	3 38
Bowen, John F	339	e p 4 5	3 79
Brown, John H.	380	e ¼ 5	5 04
do John W.	228	w 1 2 3	3 79
Bryant, David	93	e m 1 2	
do do	105	w m 6,	8 77
Burke, James H	366	1 int e ¼ 1 2 pt 3	7 32
Burnett, Allison	119	s w ¼ 5	3 38
Burnlee, Rewben	156	s w ¼ 4	4 62
Burton, Minerva	253	w pt 8	3 79
Byrd, hrs of Edward	88	w 5 6	2 34
Blount, Esther	33	s e ¼ 4	3 38
Bumpass, Samuel	55	ne ¼ 3	1 51
C			
Casteen, J. B.	81	e 6	4 45
Corbett, Mrs C B, Miss Nora	40	all	
King and hrs Mrs J. H Sweeney	313	w m 1 2 3 4 5	
do	437	e p 1 2 3 4 5	
do	421	e p 1 2 3 4 5	
do	334	w m 1 2 3	
do	333	o p 1 2 3	
do	443	all	
do	446	all 1 p 1 2 3 4	
do	438	all	
do	444	e 1 2 3 4 5	
do	447	all 2 pt 3 4	
do	448	all	
do	439	all	
do	445	all	
do	434	e 1 2 3 4 5	
do	440	e 4 5	
do	441	o p 1 2 all 3 4 5	
do	443	all	
do	436	e 3 4 5	
do	331	e 1 2 3 4 5	
do	448	all 1 2 pt 3 4 5	
Corbett, W. H	449	w 1 2	20 44
Carter, hrs Sam	71	e 6	4 42
Cutlar, Dubruts, agt.	399	e m 5	2 56
Cuttar, Dubruts	109	w m 1 2	11 68
do	36	n e ¼ 2	
do	536	pt w ½ 5	
do	349	w m 5	
do	89	e ¾ 4	
do	174	e m and w m 3 4 5	
do	269	w m 5	
do	349	w m 4 5	
do	137	n w ¼ 4	
do	337	pt s e ¼ and n e 3	
do	148	e 3 5 6 pt n e ¼ 6	
do	148	e m ¼ 4	
do	279	w m 1	
do	373	s e ½ 2	
do	47	e m 1	
do	20	w m 1	
do	51	e ¾ 4	
do	68	all 3	
do	53	e 4 3	
do	483	m 1 2 3 4 5	
do	53	n e 4	
do	295	w ½ 1	90 13
COLORED			
Carr, Isaac	300	s e ¾ 4	4 21
Cochran, Josh	536	n e ½ 2	4 21
Coles, Alex	327	w 4 5	3 13
Collins, hrs Sarah A.	326	e m 5	3 04
Colvin, Maggie	220	e ¾ 4	2 55
Corbett, Nancy C.	19	w m 4	3 79
Cordell, Ed.	211	n e 1	1 93
Cotton, London	256	n w ½ 3	4 21
Cowan, Hammond	356	w 4 5	2 55
do do	67	e ¾ 3	1 93
do hrs Saml	540	s e ¼ 5	
Cutlar, James K.	326	s e ¼ 3	3 37
do do	518	all 6	5 01
do do	119	e p 1 2	
Carter, Wm J H	45	e p 1	3 73
	5	s w m 1 2	1 51
D			
Davis, C R	131	n w 5	9 60
Dixon, hrs Jessee	355	w end 1	2 96
Dunn, hrs R B.	184	w p 5	27 45
COLORED			
Davis, Betsey Ann	119	e m 1 2	4 62
do Charlotte L.	366	p 4 w 2 3	2 96
do James H.	369	e m 1	3 79
do John Henry	119	m 1 5	4 21
do Jos. H.	350	w 2 3	2 96
do hrs Louisa	46	w m 4 5	2 55
do Wesley	46	w 5 6	5 04
DeVane, WM	228	o p 3 4 5	3 59
Dickson, Nelson	64	w 6	2 24
Donaldson, Mills	299	w end 1	6 74
Davis, E S	74	pt 1 2	6 25
DeLoach, Jane	233	pt w 3	2 14
E			
F			
WHITE			
Ellers, Rebecca	76	e m 1 2	5 87
Elder, Mrs C A	175	e 3 4 5	10 23
Emmets, hrs M F	118	w ¾ 2	9 60
Evans, Henry	310	e 1	2 55
do Katie L.	321	e ¾ 2	6 28
Everett hrs Mrs Ann, do John A Jr.	210	n e 4	4 21
COLORED	484	w m 3 4 5	10 85
Ellison, A E	56	n e ¼ 4	
Epps, Henry	239	n e ¼ 4	
Evans, Isaac C	283	pt n w 3	1 51
do hrs Julius	37	m n w ¼ 5	4 83
do do	256	w ¼ 5	
do Martha J	68	s w 4	
do W P	196	w ¼ 4	
F			
COLORED			
Faircloth, William	541	s w ¼ 1	
Freeland, George	46	n w 5	2 76
Ferguson, hrs Sallie	536	s e 2	2 55
WHITE.			2 94
Flanner, A J	156	pt m 5	
Foard, Kate W	536	e 4 5	19 98
Forre-i, J J	163	w 6	2 13
Flsan gan, E J	329	w 3	8 15
Farmer Evelina	92	e 2 3	17 23
			4 62
G			
WHITE			
Gilbert, Sarah C	143	w 2 3	
Gooding, F J	325	n w ¼ 3	
do do	211	s w 2	
do do	395	w m 4 5 6	
do do	347	e 4 w 4 5	
do do	334	o ¾ 2 3	
do do	155	w m 4 5	
do do	170	e 1	
do do	164	w 4 5	
do do	153	w 1 2	
do do	191	e m 1	
do do	140	w 1 2	
do do	363	w ¾ 3	
do do	134	w m 1 2	
do do	219	e m 5	
do do	306	e 5 w m 5	265 55
Grady, L V	201	s e ¼ 2	17 49
Grant, Anna A and Miss F V Lawton,	177	e 2	
do do	261	e ¼ 2	
Grant, B L	279	w ¾ 3	
Guthrie, Fanny	50	s w 2	52 75
Green, W H	74	s 6	3149
COLORED	68	w 4 5	6 61
Galley, James M	254	e ¼ 3	10 04
Galloway, W A	37	w m 1 2	
Ganse, E S	327	w m 1	5 04
do do	326	e 4 5	5 45
do Elisha	393	o ¾ ¼ 4	
do hrs Lucetta	367	n e ¾	5 61
Gavin, Ben	27	n w ¼ 5	3 59
Gibbs, G W	541	n e ¼ 6	3 86
do	55	w m 1 2	4 00
Giblem, Lodge	171	e 1 2	
Green, Henry	47	e m 2 3 4 5 6	1 92
do	68	all 2	17 68
do	69	w 2	
do	62	e m 5	
do	553	all 6	
do	32	n e ¼ 4	
do	50	w ¾ 6	
do	518	all 1	
do	30	n w 1	
do	42	e 1 2 e m 1 2	
do	38	e ¼ 3 m 4 5	
do	37	e ¾ 3	
Griffin, Lucy	56	n w ¼ 3	
	397	w 3	
H			
WHITE			
Harriss, May McI	17	pt 1	
do	527	all	
do	528	all	
do	37	all 5	
do	88	pt 5	
do	25	all 2 6	
do	26	all 1	
do	525	pt 5 all 6	
do	27	all 4	
do	23	all 1	
Harriss, W N	14	all 3	
do	33	n o ¼ 1	
do	399	pt 2 3 4	
do	400	pt 4 all 2 3	
Heinsberger, P trustee	401	pt 4 all 2 3	
Hewlett, hrs A J	193	w 2 3	
do J H	293	e 3	
do Martha S.	117	e m 1	
Hurst, William J	117	w 1	
COLORED.	488	m 1 2 3	
Hall, David	339	o 4 5	
do hrs R P	479	w m 1	
do do	350	e 3 4	
do do	513	w ¼ 5	

NAME	Block	Description	Tax and Cost.
Hall, hrs R L	350	pt 3 4 5	
do do	187	m 4 5	3 37
Hall, W H	27	n e ¼ 1	1 51
Halsey, Margaret	327	w 3 4	1 51
Hankins hrs Josph'ne,	253	s w 4	2 79
Harrington, Lewis	21	w 1	3 60
Harriss, Lovick	357	w ¼ 4	2 96
Harrison, T D	70	w m 1	2 96
Haywood, Sampson	83	n e ¼ 5	4 62
Henderson, Betsey	45	e m 6	3 13
do hrs Hagar	211	e ¼ 2	3 38
do Rebecca	45	e 6	3 79
Hicks, Elija J	307	e 1 2	2 96
Hill, Aida	347	e m 4	3 38
do Caroline S.	238	w 1 2 3	2 85
do Chas H.	188	w 3	2 55
do Louis H.	8	n e ¼ 4	5 87
do hrs Virgil	97	s e ¼ 4	4 62
do Willie	269	e m 5	4 83
Hollingsworth hrs of Lewis,	234	w m 1	4 21
Hollingsworth, hrs of Lewis	306	e 1 2	
Hollingsworth, S L.	253	pt 2	27 43
Holmes, Charles	365	e ¾ 3	5 45
Hooper, Johnson	541	n w 6	3 96
do do	203	w 4 5	
do do	160	e m 3 4 5	
do do	122	e m 5 6	
do Jno H.	340	e 2	15 72
Howe, Jane	242	e end 1 2	4 62
Howard, Andrew	19	n w ¼ 4 s w ¼ 2	1 51
Howard, Jno H	34	n e 1	2 12
Howe, hrs Anthony	75	w m 6	6 70
do Josephine	188	s w 1	4 62
do Washington	514	all 1 2 3	9 13
Hyman, hrs Wm	83	n e ¼ 4	2 55
			2 55
I			
COLORED			
Isler, Sampson	327	w 1 n w ½ 1	
do do	323	s w 2	6 84
J			
WHITE			
Jackson, James	309	e 4 5	9 60
James, Mrs S S	309	w ¾ 4	16 66
Jones, Ed G	221	e 1 3 3	18 73
COLORED			
Jarvis, hrs Emeline	253	e 5	5 04
Johnson, Alex	36	w m 1	6 28
Johnson Robert	326	e 3	2 55
Jones, Joe	254	e ¾ 2	4 62
Jones, J J	23	n w ¼ 1	
do do	79	m 2 3 4 s e 2 3	6 28
Jones, Lena	240	w 5	4 62
Jones, Moses Jr.	148	s e 6 6 ¾	2 55
Jones, Palla	23	n e m 2	4 21
Jones, John Stephen	136	m pt w ¾ 5	2 55
			4 21
K			
WHITE			
Kenan, Mary E.	486	w 1 2 3	4 62
Kelley, Misses I J, A H and I L	191	e 2 3	19 98
Kerchner, hrs L C	190	m 5 6	
do do	190	½ int e m 1 2	38 85
King, Archy	350	w m 5	6 70
do Wm J	51	m 5 6	5 45
Knowles, Jos W	41	pt w end 1	7 11
COLORED			5 04
King, Bon	351	w 5	1 93
L			
Lane, hrs Mrs S E	131	e m 1 2 3	5 41
Landor, Jane	18	e m 1	3 17
Lathrop, E S	194	s e 3	22 68
LeGwin, Mrs E and T H Wright	239	w m 5	
LeGwin, Sarah	186	w end 1 2	5 45
Lockamy, A	199	w m 1	7 11
COLORED.			5 04
Larrington, hrsDiana	169	e ¾ 5	
Lee, Daniel	490	w 2	7 94
do do	161	e 2 3	
Lewis, Geo Jr	337	n e 5	6 93
Lewis, James	309	w m 1	5 04
Lloyd, Mike	253	w m 4 w 2	3 17
Love, Louisa	307	w 2	4 62
			3 79
M			3 38
WHITE			
Marshal, A J	296	m 3	
do do	37	e ¾ 5	
do do	81	pt 1 2 3	
do do	266	e 1 and 2	
do Mrs S E	173	w m 3 4 and 5	
Mason, G A	340	pt m 4	
Mears, Irdell	293	s w ¼ 3	
Montgomery, R A	38	n e ¼ 2	9 80
Morrell, Mrs C A	184	e m 3	2 96
COLORED	196	n w ¼ 4	7 11
Moseley, hrs July	299	w 1 2 3	2 34
Moore, hrs Thos F	269	s w 5	4 62
do satire	175	e m 4 5	1 47
do sarah Jane	241	s w ¼ 4	5 54
do Robt	242	s w ¼ 2	2 55
do do	260	o ¼ 4	
Mitchell, Maria	223	n w ¼ 2	4 21
do Joseph	117	s w ¼ 3	
Miller, John	118	w ¼ 3	7 44
do Eliza J	284	e 5	5 04
Merrick, sarah A	218	w ½ 2	4 21
do do	45	e 3 4 5	
Meeks, Martha	62	s w ¼ 2	6 07
Mallett, W F	64	e 5 5	5 06
do Alex & W P	67	e 6	7 32
May, Fennell J	137	s w ¼ 1	11 16
	137	n w 2	5 04
Mc			
WHITE			
McFarland, Mrs Elizabeth	218	w 2	
McKinnon, hrs Mrs. D E	235	w ¼ 3	30 35
McLauchlin, Joseph	198	s e 7	
COLORED	70	n w ¼ 3	33 02
McDuffie, J N	96	w e 6	4 21
McFarland, Morriss	327	e 1	1 74
McFarland, simon	326	e 1	4 21
McIntire, Nancy M	255	w 1	
do	254	e m 1	2 71
McMillan, Jas, guard	347	e m 1 2	2 96
McNeal, Jeffrey	147	e m 1 2	2 96
do John	200	s w ¼ 1	4 21
N			
WHITE			
Nutt, J D	306	e 5	99 32
COLORED			
Neal John	537	w 2	4 83
Nixon, Bertha	175	w 1	6 28
Nichols, Elizabeth	325	s w 3 4	3 06
Nixon, Jane	282	w m 4 5	3 59
do hrs Prince	479	w 1 2 3	
do do	56	w ¾ 3	2 33
O			
D O'Connor, agt— Bowden Mrs A E	193	e end 5 6	26 90
London, hrs s E	380	e 1	3 79
McIntyre, Thos A	37	all 6	26 10
Northrop, Mrs W H	62	all 3	6 28
Pitts, hrs C H	190	w 5	34 50
O'Sullivan, J P	148	e end 6 6 ½	8 36
COLORED			15 81
D O'Connor, agt— Davis, Eliza J	197	e 3	4 99
Hansley, Barshieba	363		
Owens, Catharine	118	w 6	
P			
Pape, C R	296	w 1 2	13 29
Piver, R L	59	s w ¼ 3	6 29
Platt, hrs sam'l	73	s w ¼ 4	3 38
Punke, F G	183	house on w 2	
do do	177	w ½ 2	19 76
COLORED			
Patrick, suckey	325	e m 3 4	4 42
Pearson, hrs John	314	n w 2	1 99
Perkins, Dennis	74	w ¾ 5	3 79
Phillips, Lizzie	208	e m 5	2 55
Price, Andrew	62	w m 1	4 42
Bridgen, John	104	s e ¾ 5	2 96
Payne, hrs Thos	281	w ¾ 1	6 28
Q			
COLORED			
Quick, Isham	213	m 1 2	8 35
do do	211	s e ¼ 3	6 78
do William	211	e m 1	
R			
WHITE			
Reaves, B F	38	w 1	7 82
do W J	87	e ¾ 4 pt 3	
do do	87	w ¾ 2	
do do	87	e ¾ 5	
do do	139	n w 6	
do do	139	s w 6	
do Dan'l L	31	e m 1	60 18
Register, W H	117	s e ¼ 2	5 45
Richards, E V	147	w ¾ 3 4	5 04
COLORED			
Reaves, hrs Nathan	296	w 3 4	2 76
Reed, Isabella	332	w 4 5	
do hrs sam	268	w 1	
do do	268	e 5 w 5	
Reese, samuel	148	e 4 5	
Reeves, Louisa	238	e 1	
Reynolds, J D	46	w 1	19 98
Roberts, Gilbert	118	w m 6	
Robinson, hrs Agnes J	39	pt 5	
do do	81	n e 1 3	
do hrs Henry, do W H.	20	m w 1	
Rowell, hrs Lucilla	27	e ¾ 5	
Russ, hrs Harriet	146	s e 3	3 38
Ryan, hrs Allen	59	w 5 6	3 38
	490	w 1 2	2 96
S			
WHITE.			
Susser, L B	92	n e 4 5 4	20 39
Saunders, H G and wife	78	m 1 2 3	
Sanders, H G and wife	94	w m 4	11 26
sellers, Mrs C V	323	s w ¼ 2	10 43
sharp, J E	62	w m 1	9 61
do W H	62	n w 2	1 96
smith, Louis B	233	w 1 2 3 4 5	5 87
do S L	264	e 4 5	21 22
steiles, J D	176	e 3 4 5	14 41
do	160	e 1 2 3	
suries, Ellen	346	pt 3	47 44
swann, Vrana	76	s e ¼ 2	221 68
sweeney, John H	219	w ¾ 3	6 49
COLORED			34 84
sadgwar, Fanny J	280	w ¼ 5	
sanders, C R	55	s e ¼ 3 e m 1 2	15 83
sheridan, John A	51	8all 4	4 12
sidberry, Walter	295	e m and w m 3 3	1 72
shiver, Caroline	119	e m 5 6	5 04
sloan, J M	310	s w 4	3 38
do	309	n e 3	
smith, hrs Lucy	296	s m 4	7 73
do do Maria	276	m 5	2 96
do Martha	349	w 2 3	2 96
do Peter J	88	e end 1	1 72
hrs susan	242	s w 3	10 43
do W H	53	s e ¼ 5	3 96
standford George	541	s w ¼ 2	1 78
stanley, Charles	27	s w ¼	4 41
stanley, Wright	33	e m 1 2	4 62
stokes, B C	51	n 6 8	3 79
stroud, Andrew	540	n e ¼ 1 5	4 62
do do	541	s e ¼ 2	
do do	541	e ¼ 4 1	
do do	541	s w ¼ 2	
do do	541	n w ¼ 4	
do do	58	c l o m w & m 12 e 2	
do do	58	s m & w m 5 6 n w ¼ 5	
do do	55	w ¾ 3 4 w end 1 2	
do do	55	o 4 n o 4 5 e 5 6	
strudwick, Mary J	541	s w ¼ 5	14 55
sullivan Abbie	46	m 1 2 3 4 5	3 38
sykes, Taylor	294	n w 1	4 21
	541	n e ¼ 5	1 48
T			
Taylor, Dors	38	w m 6	4 00
Tyler, T F	146	w 6 6 ¾	9 40
COLORED			
Taylor, H O	40	s w ½ 2	2 66
Thomas, hrs John	60	w 1	4 33
Thompson, Jacob	225	e 2 3	3 38
Turner, Mary E	339	w 1	10 43
do hrs Pompey	254	w ¼ 1	2 55
do Watson	359	w m 5	2 13
	340	w 3 4	
V			
Vanderhorst, Ed	269	s e ¼ 5	2 96
W			
WHITE			
Walton, J C	52	m 5 6	17 60
Ward, Alice	95	e 5 6	5 66
Warren, Geo A	64	w 1	6 70
Westbrook & Wright	60	w 1	
do do	800	all 2 3 4 5 6	7 20
do do	503	all 2 3 4 5 6	4 62
do do	504	all 2 3 4 5 6	
do do	505	all	
Williams, Kate W	253	e 1	4 19

NAME	Block	Description	Tax and Cost.
Williams, hrs L M	109	w m 1	8 98
Williamson, Mary C	190	e m 1 2	
do do	189	m 2 3 4 5	29 21
Winstead, A S	291	n e 2	6 40
Wilmington sewerage Co	450	pt 5 6 and all sewer pipe & perconal	416 51
Winstead, Mrs E H	184	e 3 4 5	
do do	88	e m 3	8 97
Woodward, Geo A	329	w 3 4 5	2 55
Werth, W E	186	w m 1	
do do	323	pt 1 2	
do do	218	s 1 2	
do do	188	w m 1	
do do	202	all 8	
do W E & Co	203	buildings and machinery	150 84
J G Wright & son, agt	93	s w ¼ 3	93 31
Register, Mrs B	199	w m 5	
do do	275	e m 5	13 53
Rowell, Mrs Commfort	145	w 3 4	10 43
West, hrs H P	10	int pt 1 26	4 15
Wright, Jno M	175	w m 6	97 37
COLORED	114		
wade, hrs Marion	80	s e ¼ 3	3 38
walker, Charles E	31	e ¾ 5	3 79
do Enoch	27	n e ¼ 5	4 79
do hrs Henry	240	e 1	8 78
do James A	56	s w ¼ 4	
do do	308	w 3	4 62
do Margaret	327	w 4 5	2 76
do Sarah	311	s e 1 e m 1	
do do	280	w ¾ 2	8 14
washington, Geo T	149	w 6 ¾	4 21
do James	27	n w ¼ 3	4 06
do Phoeba	295	n w ¼ 5	3 79
wate s, Amy	326	e 1	3 96
do Eliza	426	e m 2	2 55
williams, hrs Leah	351	e m 4 5	1 72
willis, Godfrey	60	w end 6	4 62
wright, hrs Titus	327	e p 1 2	4 62

Delinquent.

NAME	Block	Description	Tax and cost.
B			
WHITE			
Bowden, hrs L H	169	e m 1 2	17 90
Boykin, Julia A	169	w m 1	3 79
Burriss, Owen C	33	w ¼ 3	2 55
COLORED			
Bell, Thos T	43	w ¾ 5	2 76
Brown, Wm	351	w m 5	4 60
Boyd, J M	18	w m 1	5 22
Blocker, A. and W H Cotton and wife	541	n e ¼ 4	1 72
C			
COLORED			
Chadbourn, John	314	w m 5	5 86
do do	350	w m 5	
D			
COLORED			
Davis, hrs Anna	224	w 1	5 86
DeLoach, Chas	383	n w 3	4 21
Doscher, Robert	63	e ¼ 5	3 79
E			
COLORED			
Evans, Colnelius	98	s e m 1 2	
G			
COLORED			
Grainger, London	518	s w ¼ 5	1 47
Galley, J M & others	366	e 1	2 96
H			
WHITE			
Hicks, R W	337	e m 2 3	2 76
COLORED			
Holmes, J H	294	m 1	3 38
do R F	294	e 1	4 21
Howard, hrs Harry	6	e m 1 2 3	2 34
do Martha	32	n e ¼

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SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14.

STATE TAXATION MATTERS.

Annual Report by Corporation Commission Discloses Interesting Figures Relative to Property Valuation.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission filed its report as a tax commission with Gov. Aycock to-day, to be transmitted to the General Assembly. The synopsis of recommendations has already been published. The detailed report gives the valuation, showing the taxes paid on all classes of property in the State, total taxes levied by counties, townships and towns for 1900 and 1901, the number, names and valuation of the property of all banks, building and loan associations and domestic corporations of every kind by counties; the bonded indebtedness and tax levies of counties, cities and towns and much other valuable information.

The following are some of the most notable features:

Valuation of all property, $344,222,009, an increase of $40,512,708 over the year previous. There are 88,840 town lots, the average value of which is $624.98, Wilmington being first, with $1,283, and Charlotte second, with $1,068 per lot.

The total solvent credits are $38,269,343, Forsyth leading with $1,376,379.

Capital stock of Banks $5,737,029, assessed value, $6,654,992.

Corporations (other than railroads) capital stock $36,032,223, assessed value $26,016,096.

Counties with the largest property valuations and paying the most taxes are Mecklenburg first, $14,737,876, tax levy for all purposes $201,368; Wake $14,142,945, tax levy $145,693.; Forsyth $11,489,096, tax levy $108,419. New Hanover property valuation $9,839,136.

Bonded indebtedness of towns aggregates $4,366,477. Asheville is largest with $781,500, Charlotte, $565,000. Greensboro, $418,879; Raleigh, $338,900; Wilmington $695,400.

The average tax levy for all purposes, including county taxes, is 87 cents on $100 valuation, and the average, including town taxes, $1.12. Notable town tax rates are Wilmington, $1 60; Asheville, $1.50; Charlotte, $1 00; Durham, $1.14; Greensboro, $1.30; Winston $1.00; Fayetteville, $1.00.

Wilmington has the largest property valuation, $8,418,482; Charlotte, $8,076,805; Greensboro, $2,933,759.

Taxes raised in the State the past year were: For schools, $1,139,219.03; county purposes, $1,593,254.45; municipal, $1,149,902.68; State taxes, including pensions, $1,169,024 53. Grand total, $5,051,400.69.

The total State debt is $6,527,770; county indebtedness, $2,237,039; town indebtedness. $4,366,477.51. Grand total $13,131,286.51. The State investments amount to $4,415,050.

Collector E. C. Duncan, of the internal revenue office here, appoints Jno B. Koonce, of Jones county, clerk in the revenue office to succeed I. M. Deaton, who became chief clerk to succeed Dr. Cyrus Thompson, resigned. Koonce passed the civil service examination. V. C. Downing, of Cumberland, is appointed clerk to succeed Mr. Koonce.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD.

Recommendations to Legislature by Adjutant General—Hamlet Grocery Co.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—Adjutant General Royster, of the State Guard, filed a report for the General Assembly with the Governor this evening. He asks that the law be amended to allow the payment of the usual appropriations to companies and batteries of artillery; that regimental bands be paid $100 each; increased pay for the quartermaster general; that a building be used as an arsenal and for other State purposes; that all military records be filed in the office of the Adjutant General. The State Guard membership is 4,996, against 2,083 last year. The general condition is much better than ever before. Six companies disbanded and four new ones were organized during the year.

The Hamlet Grocery Co, was chartered to-day with $25,000 capital. O. T. Goodwin, H. E. Gibbons, and J. E. Hancock are the incorporators.

HIGHER WAGES.

General Increase for Trainmen on the Southern Railway System.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A general increase of wages of trainmen on the Southern Railway, averaging about five per cent. in amount, has been granted. This statement was made by General Manager Eckert today, who stated that the majority of the engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen, largely on the main line of the Southern system, had received increases. There was no horizontal advance, but the raises were made on individual merits. The wages of the engine crews were raised from two to eight per cent. and the conductors and brakemen in a few instances as high as 10½ per cent.

WHITES AND NEGROES.

Shooting Affray in the Business Section of Asheville, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 13.—A shooting affray, followed by a number of arrests, occurred to-day in the centre of the business section of Asheville. Two negroes walked into a white restaurant and were at once ordered to remove their hats. One of the negroes reached for his gun, whereupon the proprietor and two white patrons began shooting. One of the negroes was shot four times—not, however, fatally.

A Frightened Horse,

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NEW COMPLICATION AT VENEZUELA.

Italy Expected to Join Germany and Great Britain in Their Demands.

A BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED.

Vessel Pillaged by Populace at Puerto Cabello and Afterwards Released—Castro Takes a New Attitude—Patriotic Demonstrations.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CARACAS, Dec. 13.—A new complication has arisen. It is feared that Italy will deliver a memorandum asking for the same treatment as demanded by Great Britain and Germany. Up to the present moment it is impossible to obtain definite information on the matter, but the Italian legation denies the delivery of any ultimatum.

The news of the arrival of the British commodore, Montgomery, at La Guaira has created excitement at Caracas, but up to 5 o'clock to-night the authorities here have no knowledge of his design. In government circles it is believed that a notification of the blockade of the Venezuelan coasts will be transmitted.

It is learned from a government source that on the advice of Minister Bowen a calm and cool attitude for twenty-four hours more has been advocated and that if the Anglo-German forces are disembarked at LaGuaira the troops at the fort and in the newly erected redoubts will not fire on them, the object being to obtain time for Washington to answer as to the proposal for arbitration made to Berlin and London.

President Castro has taken up a new attitude. Strong in Venezuela's rights, he has ordered that reprisals are to cease, and yesterday he gave instructions that all the property of the British and German railroads and British telephone companies should be returned. The government will still retain the control of the LaGuaira railroad, but its administration will be left independent.

Patriotic demonstrations took place again yesterday and to-day. The Venezuelans have decided also to boycott all goods manufactured in Germany and Great Britain and in all the stores notices are posted declaring that henceforth the owners will refuse to sell goods coming from those countries.

British Steamer Pillaged.

LAGUAIRA, Dec. 13.—The British steamer Topaze, from Cardiff, was seized by the rabble at Puerto Cabello Wednesday and pillaged. The captain and crew were held as prisoners, but were released to-day and the steamer will sail at noon to-morrow for Cienfuegos. The German cruisers Falke and Panther have arrived here and the German training ship Slosch is cruising around outside on the lookout.

The steamer Prinze IV, entered the port at 2 o'clock this afternoon and discharged. She is now about to sail again. Other ships which arrived off the port this morning will proceed without communicating. A commission composed of leading merchants of Caracas has arrived here and has been on board the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta. On the departure of the commission, the Vineta sailed for an unknown destination.

The fortress here has been evacuated and all the soldiers have left the town. The militia has ben called to maintain order. All the drinking saloons and booths have been closed by order of the President.

The United States gunboat Marietta arrived to-day from Curacao and has anchored outside the harbor.

CARACAS, Dec. 13.—It is now stated that Italy has handed to the Venezuelan government similar demands to those made by Germany and Great Britain for the payment of her claims.

Popular demonstrations continue here and the government is protecting the German legation in which Madam Von-Pilgrim-Baltazzi is lying ill. It is impossible to remove her to the United States legation.

Three thousand two hundred Venezuelan troops are in the neighborhood of LaGuaira.

Opinion in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay had an early conference to-day concerning the Venezuelan situation. Both the President and the Secretary of State are of opinion that, unless there should be unexpected developments in the situation, the United States will not become seriously involved in the pending controversy. Over night dispatches received by the State Department were presented to the President, but were not made public at the executive offices.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, according to official statements, nothing had been received at the Foreign Office anent the Venezuelan government asking Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy between that country and Great Britain and Germany.

The United States embassy also was without instructions or information regarding any Venezuelan matter.

BLIZZARD IN NEW YORK.

The Whole State Covered With Snow. Street Car and Steam Railway Service Interrupted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The State of New York, from north to south is to-night covered with snow and in many sections blizzard weather prevails, adding to the discomfort occasioned by the shortage of coal. In New York city and vicinity a fine snow, the kind that usually stays, was falling all day, to be turned into slush in the crowded streets and providing good sleigh roads in the parks. A sharp wind accompanied the snowfall. On the elevated roads the electric trains were not run regularly, but the steam trains and the surface cars were able to handle the traffic. The weather got colder towards night and the Weather Bureau held out no comfort for Sunday, the predictions being "gales, with rain, sleet and snow."

The heaviest fall of snow was reported from Cooperstown, N. Y., where twelve inches had fallen this evening and it was still snowing. Ten inches covered the ground at Geneva, and in Ithaca and throughout Tompkins county there was eight inches on the level. The street car and steam railway service in and around Buffalo were interrupted. At Schenectady there was blizzard weather and barely enough coal to supply the wants of the people.

Ordinary cough remedies are dangerous to give babies. Auway's Croup Syrup is made for children's coughs and croup and colds and will certainly cure them. Ask to see testimonials. 5 cents at Robert R. Bellamy's. †

HEARINGS ON THE ANTI-TRUST BILLS.

Begun Before the Sub-Committee on Judiciary of House—Morrell's Resolution Approved by President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Hearings were begun to-day before the Sub-committee on Judiciary of the House, consisting of Representatives Littlefield, of Maine; Overstreet, of Indiana; Powers, of Massachusetts; Dearmond, of Missouri, and Clayton, of Alabama, on the anti-trust bills.

Representative Morrell, of Pennsylvania, who has introduced a resolution appropriating $250,000 for the use of the Attorney General in enforcing the Sherman anti-trust law, stated that he had shown his resolution to the Attorney General, who, he said, was favorable to it. Mr. Morrell also said that he had shown the resolution to the President, who authorized him to say that he was heartily in favor of its provisions. Mr. Morrell explained that the President, however, had no thought of dictating in any way to the committee.

Representative Gillette, of Massachusetts, explained the purpose of his bill, which provides for the seizure and condemnation of any property "owned or manufactured under any contract or by any trust or combination, or pursuant to any conspiracy forbidden by laws of a State and being in the course of transportation from such State to another State. A maximum penalty of $20,000 fine or five years' imprisonment is imposed.

Representative H. C. Smith, of Michigan, who introduced in the House a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States conferring upon Congress the power to regulate and dissolve trusts and monopolies, submitted an argument in favor of his bill, the purpose being to clothe Congress with power to act when deemed necessary.

Representative Shallenberger, of Nebraska, was heard in support of his bill providing for the appointment of a non-partisan commission to investigate the subject of corporations and the effects of their formation upon the market, and report results to Congress His bill also requires the publication of reports showing the condition of corporations, and requires corporations to file statements with the commission. Penalties are provided for non-compliance with the provisions of the bill and for false returns.

Representative Sulzer, of New York, explained the provisions of a bill which he has introduced, the points of which were stated in recent dispatches "I am in line to-day with the President of the United States," said Mr. Sulzer, "on the trust question and want to see this Congress do something in line with his recommendations."

Representative Bell, of Colorado, was next heard. He is author of a bill requiring corporations having a capital stock of $100,000 or more to file with the secretary of the treasury annual statements under oath giving detailed information regarding their condition, financial and otherwise. The secretary is authorized under the bill to make rules and regulations which will enable him to obtain a complete exposition of the methods of corporations in their dealings with the public, and the attorney general is directed to proceed against any concern making false returns.

After hearing Joseph Nimme, Jr., the committee adjourned until Tuesday, when further hearings will be given.

COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

Witnesses Testify as to Conditions at Collieries—Mine Operators Expected to Open Their Case Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., December 13.—The miners called witnesses to-day before the anthracite coal strike commission to testify to the conditions existing at the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. These were the first persons to appear against the company of which George F. Baer is the head, and considerable interest was manifested as to the character of evidence the miners would present against that company. Eight witnesses were called and the principal grievance presented was that men who went on strike were discriminated against.

There were a large number of other witnesses called during the two sessions, but most of the testimony heard was of a cumulative nature, relating mostly to alleged unfair local conditions. Among the witnesses heard was President Mitchell. His testimony related principally to the manner in which he computed the averages he gave yesterday, which showed that bituminous men received from 40 to 50 per cent. more wages than the anthracite miners. Counsel for the Delaware and Hudson disputed Mitchell's method of arriving at the averages. The miners will close their case probably on Monday when the operators will open their case.

THE MONEY STRINGENCY.

Treasury Department Will Take No Action for Relief of the Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Shaw declines to say anything for publication as to the attitude of the Treasury Department in regard to the present money stringency in New York. There is reason to believe, however, that no action whatever is contemplated now or at any time in the near future, It is understood that the department takes the position that the government is not involved in the present situation, and that Wall street must rely upon its own resources to tide over the present stringency. At this time the treasury has no available cash in hand above a moderate working balance approximating $58,000,000 and it is not its present purpose to further reduce this sum by making additional deposits in national bank depositories or otherwise.

MINISTER TO PERSIA.

Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, Appointed to the Position.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The President has selected Lloyd Griscom, Jr., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Japan, succeeding Mr. Buck, deceased. He also has selected Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, at present consul general at Teheran, Persia, to succeed Mr. Griscom as minister to Persia. Mr. Pearson was formerly a representative in Congress.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

ALLIES' WARSHIPS TAKE POSITIONS.

Their Guns Commanding the Town and Fortresses at La Guaira, Venezuela.

A BLOCKADE ESTABLISHED.

Several Merchant Ships Prevented From Entering the Harbor—Another Venezuelan Gunboat Captured by a German Warship.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LAGUAIRA, VENEZUELA, Dec. 13.—British cruiser Charybdis, flying Commodore Montgomery's flag, the German cruiser Vineta and the German training ship Slosch, arrived here today and have taken positions commanding the town and fortresses. Several merchant men, the Dutch steamer Prinz Willem IV., the British steamer of the Harrison Line and a royal mail steamer arrived off the port to-day, but were prevented from entering the harbor by the captain of the British cruiser Indefatigable who said he would not be responsible for what might happen if the vessels were allowed to enter. The steamers applied for lighters to enable them to discharge their cargoes, but the request was refused by the customs house authorities, who declared the vessels might enter the port as usual, there being no reason for their remaining outside.

Another Gunboat Captured.

All ammunition is being removed from the fortresses and barracks here and taken to Caracas and it is apparently the intention of the government to abandon the town.

The German cruiser Vineta yesterday captured near Guanta the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, formerly George J. Gould's yacht Atalanta. A crew from the Vineta was put aboard and the captured vessel was sent to Trinidad.

Castro Seems Determined.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—One more step toward the complete severance of relations between Venezuela and the allies who are seeking to punish her was taken to-day in the withdrawal of the Venezuelan consul from Port of Spain, Trinidad, by orders of the government. Notice of the fact came to the State Department from United States Consul Smith at Port of Spain. It is presumed that Venezuela has sent out similar orders to all of her other consuls in British and German possessions to withdraw from their posts. These withdrawals would not be particularly serious, but from the fact that they indicate a purpose on the part of President Castro to proceed to extremes in his quarrel with the allies.

The State Department has not been advised of the rejection of President Castro's proposal to arbitrate the dispute as transmitted through Minister Bowen.

Secretary Hay had a busy time today conferring with senators and representatives who already are beginning to show anxiety as to the Venezuelan situation. No one was able to suggest how the attitude of the State Department could be improved at this moment.

Advices From Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 13—President Castro's reply to the German ultimatum is a refusal to yield on any point.

The Foreign Office has not yet received the text of President Castro's reply, but only a bulletin from the German charge d'affaires, Herr Von-Pilgrim-Baltazzi, dated December 10th, announcing that the president's answer had been placed in his hands that day and that the Venezuelan executive refused to yield to the German demand on all points. This telegram, with the text of the reply, was filed at Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad. With this exception, the Foreign Office has received no word since yesterday to indicate that the situation has grown worse. A landing in force is not considered probable under any contingency. The orders to blockade the coast stand, and that is all the naval commanders for the present are authorized to do. And proposition that Minister Bowen might make in behalf of President Castro would be received in good spirit and carefully considered, out of regard for the channel of transmission; but no proposition to arbitrate has yet reached Berlin. Neither is the Foreign Office aware that the United States has made so far any suggestion to arbitrate. Herr Von-Pilgrim-Baltazzi is still on board a British vessel in the harbor of LaGuaira.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Entered Upon Consideration of the Regular Appropriation Bills.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The House to-day entered upon the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and made rapid progress, fifty pages of the 142 pages of the bill having been completed before adjournment. Several of the Democratic members, among them Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, voiced their protests against reporting a big appropriation bill one day and taking it up the next, without affording sufficient time to members outside of the committee to properly examine it. No material amendments were adopted.

GEORGIA COURT'S DECISION.

Regarded by the Christian Scientists as a Vindication.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court of Georgia to-day handed down a decision which is regarded by Christian Scientists as a vindication.

A citizen of Dublin, Ga., a Christian Scientist, refused to give medicine to his sick child. The child died and the father was arrested and fined $300. The case was appealed to the State Supreme Court, which to-day reversed the judgment of the lower court, holding that failure to give medical attendance to children when ill is not a violation of the laws of the State.

TO THE PUBLIC.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—An organization called the Newspaper Artists Association, at No. 23 East 14th street, in this city, under the management of C. W. Parker, claims to have as a part of its exhibition committee certain persons connected with "The Associated Press Association." I desire to say that The Associated Press has no relation to this affair, and that the use of the name is misleading.

M. E. STONE, General Manager.

Leander won the final sprint in the six-day bicycle race in New York from Jacobson, thus giving first money to the Leander-Floyd Krebs team and second money to Jacobson-Newkirk.

LOSS OVER $1,000,000.

Part of the American Sheet Steel Company's Mills Burned to the Ground.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CANAL DOVER, O., Dec. 13.—The corrugating mills, the paint shop, the store room and the building containing the four mills on the west side of the American Sheet Steel Company's mills were burned to the ground here to-night and the company is confronted with a loss of over $1,000,000; nearly $750,000 in finished product and the balance in building and machinery. The offices, the machine shop, the galvanizing department and the mills on the east side are all that remain of this great plant. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

WARM WIRELETS

Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, widow of the former President of the United States, is dangerously ill at her home in Washington City.

A party of revenue officers on a raid in the dark corner section of Greenville county, S. C., destroyed three large illicit distilleries.

Schooner W. S. Jordan, Captain Rich, from Norfolk for New Bedford with a cargo of soft coal, went ashore in a fog near Cape May, N. J. The crew were rescued by life savers. The vessel will probably be a total loss.

Three thousand members of the Cigar Makers' Union, Chicago, Ill., will wait for another year before demanding a wage increase, because they do not wish to increase the expenses of their employers, who are fighting the so-called tobacco trust.

Vessels leaving New York yesterday for Venezuela ports took out clearance papers as usual, notwithstanding reports of a blockade of the Venezuelan coast and refusal of the German-English war vessels to allow merchant vessels to pass in. No official notice had been received by the collector of the port to warn vessels asking for clearances to Venezuelan ports of the blockade.

The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of New York city for the week shows: Loans, $879,371,500; decrease, $2,065,500. Deposits, $873,731,200; decrease, $6,031,400. Circulation, $45,560,700; increase, 54,100. Legal tenders, $67,960,400; increase, $666,800. Specie, $158,859,300, decrease, $3,761,500. Reserves $226,819,700; decrease $3,094,700. Reserve required, $218,432,800, decrease, $1,507,850.

The Wrong Way.

Fathers and mothers who do not know how and where their sons and especially their young daughters spend their evenings are guilty of a negligence that is little short of criminal and that, too, often leads to sad consequences. The American habit of letting the young folks "have their own way" in choosing their associates and methods of recreation is responsible in every city for a good deal of evil that might be prevented by parental firmness judiciously exercised.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Anticipated.

Stern Parent—I suppose you are aware, young man, that I cease to provide for my daughter when she leaves my roof?

Suitor—Oh, yes! We have settled about that—Bertha and I. We have decided to make our home with you.—Boston Transcript.

A WORD TO THE WISE

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Variable Weather may be expected for the next ten days. Now is the best time to have your Piano Tuned for the season's use. Come early and avoid the rush. If you can't come telephone Mr. Holden (No. 467), corner Dock and Second street. John G. Russell, at Mrs Morton's, 114 South Third street. dec 18 2t

Millinery Training School—I propose teaching a limited number of pupils the art of Millinery, consisting of Frame Work, Body Work, the artistic Blending of Colors, etc. All who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity please apply at once. Terms $10 00 per course, month of January, 1903. I will also do private trimming after the 1st of January, 1903. Room No. 14 Masonic Temple. Night course $5. Madame L. Connelly, No. 7 South Fourth street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 30 1m su

Canvasser—Man or woman, to conduct a Magazine Route. A chance to work up a monthly income regularly. Any one now canvassing will find this a profitable side-line. Address at once. Circulation Department, Woman's Home Companion, Springfield, Ohio. dec 9 3t su th su

Wanted—Competent bookkeeper. Must be sober and of good habits. Address P. O. 429. dec 13 2t

Wanted—12 sales ladies at Kress' 5 and 10 cent Store. Apply at once. dec 7 tf

For Sale—Horse, Buggy, Surry and Harness. Horse perfectly sound, a good roadster and anybody can drive her. B. F. King. dec 2 tf

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 350 Caxton Bldg., Chicago. dec 2 1m

Call at Winstead's for all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit; Bananas a specialty No 213 Market and 215 North Front street. Bell 'Phones 203 and 637. oct 29 tf

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Old Newspapers for sale by the hundred at the STAR Office. Excellent for underlaying carpets, or for wrapping paper oct 9 tf

Academy of Music.

Lecture Monday evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, by Hon. Wm. G. Ewing. Subject: "Christian Science." Admission free. dec 12 3t

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Bell 'Phone 680. dec 13 tf

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And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors, pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 21 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $3.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3 50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 39c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1.50 each.

In our Men's Clothing Department our sales have been the best we have ever known. In this department we credit our great success to the style, quality and fit of our goods and the last and best feature is, we undersell our competitors. We can fit you in a suit anywhere from $1.98 to $12.50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from $3 to $12 50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at $1 50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at $1.39 each; Ladies' Gossamers at $2.50 and $3.50 each; a workingman's coat for rainy weather at $1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's coat, absolutely water proof, for $5.

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